# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5859
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DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST PLACES
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the names of Buddhist places identified for development in different States, location-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Government during each of the last three years and proposed for 2001-02 for the said purpose, place-wise; and

(c) the details of assistance provided by the foreign countries for the said purpose during the said period, place-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Department of Tourism had constituted two Task Forces in 1986 & 1987 which identified 62 Buddhist centres for development as follows:

Uttar Pradesh : Sarnath, Kushinagar, Piparhawa, Sravasti and Sankasia.
Bihar : Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir and Vaishali
Andhra Pradesh : Nagarjunakonda, Amarvati, Chandavaram, Guntupalli, Sankaram, Salihundam, Jaggayyapeta, Bhattiprolu, Ramatirtham, Ghantasala, Phanigiri, Nelakondapalli, Bavikonda, Mangamaripeta.
Arunachal Prad : Tawang
Himachal Prad : Rawalsar, Tabo, Tashijong, Kye, Kardang, Guru Ghantal, Mcleodganj, Bir, Triloknath, Chango.
Jammu & Kashmir : Hemis, Lamayuru, Mullbek, Alchi, Sani, Rangdum, Phugtal,Karsha
Madhya Pradesh : Sanchi
Maharashtra : Kanheri, Bedsa, Karla, Bhaja, Ellora, Ajanta, Aurangabad, Pitalkhora

Orissa : Udaigiri, Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri, Dhauli
Punjab : Sanghol
Rajasthan : Kolvi, Binnayaga
Sikkim : Pemayangtse, Rumtek, Phodong
Tamil Nadu : Kaveripattinam.

(b): The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State Governments/U.T. Administrations every year. Prioritisation of projects starts in first quarter of each financial year for that year. The details of financial assistance provided to the State Governments during the last three years i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for development of Buddhist places are as per annexure enclosed. The schemes for 2001-2002 are generally prioritised in June/July in consultation with the State Governments.

(c): The Government entered into a loan agreement with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan in January, 1992 for conservation and development of Ajanta & Ellora in Maharashtra. The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund assistance is to the tune of 3745 million Japanese Yen. The major components of the project are afforestation, upgradation of airport facilities at Aurangabad, strengthening and improvement of roads, augmentation of water supply and sewage, improvement of electricity supply, conservation of monuments and visitors management facilities. The project is expected to be completed by March, 2002. The reported expenditure on the project is Rs. 86.83 crores approximately so far.

The Government had also entered into a loan agreement with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan in December, 1988 for development of infrastructure facilities along with identified Buddhist circuit in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It was agreed that Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund would extend financial assistance to the tune of 7.7 billion Japanese Yen.The major components of the project were strengthening of National Highways, State Highways, landscaping, augmentation of water and electricity supply, provision of wayside amenities etc. The places covered under this project are Sarnath, Kushinagar, Piprahawa, Sravasti in Uttar Pradesh and Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir and Vaishali in Bihar. The project has been completed at the cost of Rs. 251.050 crores in December, 1998 as under :

- Expenditure on Uttar Pradesh Component Rs. 78.19 crores.
- Expenditure on Bihar Component Rs. 113.00 crores
- Expenditure on central component Rs. 59.86 crores

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +5859 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.4.2001 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST PLACES.

The details of financial assistance provided to the State Governments for development of Buddhist Centres during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001:-

| Sl.No. | Name of State | Name of Place | Amount released during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and |
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2000-2001
(Rs. in lakhs)

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| 1. | Uttar Pradesh | Kushinagar, Sravasti | 23.10 |
| 2. | Bihar | Rajgir, Nalanda, Vaishali and Patna | 33.18 |
| 3. | Andhra Pradesh | Nagarjunasagar | 10.84 |
| 4. | Arunachal Prad | Tawang | 56.60 |
| 5. | Himachal Prad | Mcleodganj | 53.90 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | Sanchi | 4.50 |
| 7 | Maharashtra | Karla, Ajanta | 47.55 |
| 8. | Sikkim | Rumtek, Phodong | 10.09 |